

## **Recovery STOP Violence Against Women Act**

This solicitation is issued pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5), which was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009.

The stated purposes of the Recovery Act are to preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery; to assist those most impacted by the recession; to provide investments needed to increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances in science and health; to invest in transportation, environmental protection, and other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits; and to stabilize State and local government budgets, in order to minimize and avoid reductions in essential services and counterproductive State and local tax increases.

The Recovery Act places great emphasis on accountability and transparency in the use of taxpayer dollars. Among other things, it creates a new Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board and a new website – Recovery.gov – to provide information to the public, including access to detailed information on grants and contracts made with Recovery Act funds.

### **About the OVW Recovery Act STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program**

This solicitation provides program and application guidelines for the OVW Recovery Act Services\*Training\*Officers\*Prosecutors (STOP) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program (Recovery Act STOP Program) funding, including guidelines for requirements of the VAWA as amended. By statute, the STOP Program supports communities in their efforts to hire and retain criminal justice and victim services personnel that respond to violent crimes against women as a way to develop and strengthen effective law enforcement, prosecution strategies, and victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women.

To further the purposes of the Recovery Act, this program will target Recovery Act funding to hiring and retaining criminal justice and victim services personnel who respond to violent crimes against women, as well as supporting other strategies that create and preserve jobs and promote economic growth while improving responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

### **Eligibility**

Recovery Act STOP Program grants are intended for use by States and territories; state, local, and tribal courts (including juvenile courts); Indian Tribal governments; units of local government; and nonprofit, nongovernmental victim services programs, including faith-based and community organizations.

### **Required Match**

A grant made under this program may not cover more than 75 percent of the total costs of the project being funded. The applicant must identify the source of the 25 percent non-Federal portion of the budget and how match funds will be used. Applicants may satisfy the required match with either cash or in-kind services.

**Required Match Exception: VAWA 2005, as amended, created a new provision eliminating match for victim service providers.**

### **How to Apply**

Eligible applicants may obtain an ADECA LETS application as well as technical assistance by contacting Rhonda Webb at (334) 242-5897 or at [Rhonda.Webb@adeca.alabama.gov](mailto:Rhonda.Webb@adeca.alabama.gov).

### **Program Scope**

The scope of the OVW Recovery Act STOP Program is defined by the fourteen statutory purpose areas and the identified program activities. By statute, funds under the OVW Recovery Act STOP Program may be used for the following purposes:

Training law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors;

Developing, training, or expanding units of law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors ;

Developing and implementing more effective police, court, and prosecution policies, protocols, orders, and services;

Developing, installing, or expanding data collection and communication systems, including computerized systems;

Developing, enlarging, or strengthening victim services programs;

Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing stalking;

Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing the needs and circumstances of Indian tribes;

Supporting formal and informal statewide, multidisciplinary efforts, to the extent not supported by state funds;

Training of sexual assault forensic medical personnel examiners;

Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs to assist law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, and others to address the needs and circumstances of older and disabled women;

Providing assistance to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in immigration matters;

Maintaining core victim services and criminal justice initiatives, while supporting complementary new initiatives and emergency services for victims and their families;

Supporting the placement of special victim assistants (to be known as "Jessica Gonzales Victim Assistants") in local law enforcement agencies;

Providing funding to law enforcement agencies, nonprofit nongovernmental victim services providers, and state, tribal, territorial, and local governments, (which funding stream shall be known as the Crystal Judson Domestic Violence Protocol Program) to promote— development and implementation of training.

### **Compliance with the Recovery Act Priorities**

Projects supported under the Recovery Act must adhere to the primary principles of this Act: 1) creation of jobs, 2) preservation of jobs, and 3) promotion of economic growth.

### **Determination of funding**

The application must adequately address five areas: Problem Identification; Goals & Objectives; Methods & Procedures; Evaluation; and Budget. Each project funded must address how their project will provide meaningful and measurable outcomes for achieving job creation and preservation. Subgrant awards are based on a base formula and other variables, including current STOP funding, service area; past performance and compliance; and need.

### **Additional Requirements**

#### **Separate Tracking and Reporting of Recovery Act Funds and Outcomes**

Consistent with the special purposes and goals of the Recovery Act, and its strong emphasis on accountability and transparency, it is essential that all funds from a Recovery Act grant be tracked, accounted for, and reported on separately from all other funds. Recipients must also be prepared to track and report on the specific outcomes and benefits attributable to use of Recovery Act funds. The accounting systems of all recipients and subrecipients must ensure funds from any award under this Recovery Act solicitation are not commingled with funds from any other source.

#### **Quarterly Financial and Programmatic Reporting**

Consistent with the Recovery Act emphasis on accountability and transparency, reporting requirements under Recovery Act grant programs will differ from and expand upon OVW's standard reporting requirements for grants. In particular, section 1512(c) of the Recovery Act sets out detailed requirements for quarterly reports that must be submitted. Receipt of funds will be contingent on meeting the Recovery Act reporting requirements.

**DUNS number and Central Contractor Registration (CCR) is required.** Subgrantees must have a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and be currently registered with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database.

**Non-supplanting:** Federal funds must be used to supplement existing State and local funds for program activities and must not replace those funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose. See the OJP Financial Guide (Part II, Chapter 3) Additional information appears on the "OJP Recovery Act Additional Requirements" webpage at [www.ovw.usdoj.gov/recovery-applicants.htm](http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/recovery-applicants.htm).

## Allocation of Funds

As authorized under VAWA legislation, the state's total Recovery award must be allocated as follows:

- At least five percent will be allocated for state and local courts including juvenile courts;
- At least 25 percent will be allocated for law enforcement;
- At least 25 percent will be allocated for prosecutors; and,
- At least 30 percent will be allocated for nonprofit, nongovernmental victim services, of which at least 10 percent is to be distributed to culturally specific community-based organizations; and

STOP Recovery Award Amount: \$2,220,871

Per statute, the allocation is as follows:

Courts:	111,043.55
Law Enforcement:	555,217.75
Prosecution:	555,217.75
Victim Services:	666,261.30
Discretionary:	111,043.55
Administration:	222,087.10

*All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law. Applicants also should anticipate that awards under the Recovery Act will be one-time awards and accordingly should propose project activities and deliverables that can be accomplished without additional DOJ funding.*

The attached PDF provides the subgrant awards under the Recovery STOP Violence Against Women Program.